

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 29, 2005

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 444**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Yee**

February 15, 2005

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An act to amend Section 49531.1 of the Education Code, relating to pupils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 444, as amended, Yee. School food: nutrition guidelines.

Existing law requires the State Department of Education to develop and maintain nutrition guidelines for school lunches and breakfasts, and for all food and beverages sold on public school campuses.

This bill would also require the department to develop and maintain those guidelines for all food and beverages served on public school campuses.

Existing law requires the nutrition guidelines to include guidelines for fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol, and to specify that if comparable food products of equal nutritional value are available, the food product lower in fat, saturated fat, or cholesterol shall be used.

This bill would include sugar *and sodium* within those guideline provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 49531.1 of the Education Code is
- 2 amended to read:

1     49531.1. (a) The department shall develop and maintain  
2     nutrition guidelines for school lunches and breakfasts, and for all  
3     food and beverages served ~~and~~ *or* sold on public school  
4     campuses. These ~~nutrition~~ guidelines shall consider current  
5     recommendations for children including , *but not limited to*,  
6     those from the California Daily Food Guide published by the  
7     State Department of Health Services.  
8     (b) The nutrition guidelines shall include guidelines for fat,  
9     saturated fat, sugar, *sodium*, and cholesterol, and shall specify  
10    that where comparable food products of equal nutritional value  
11    are available the food product lower in fat, ~~sugar, or saturated fat~~,  
12    *saturated fat, sugar, sodium*, or cholesterol shall be used.